

St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 5, 2017

**The eternal Father said,  
"If anyone were to ask me what a soul is,  
I would say, 'It is another me,  
made so by the union of love.'"**

*(Dialogue 96)*

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**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

*Sacrament of Baptism*

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before celebrating baptism. Call the parish to register.

*Sacrament of Matrimony*

The Church provides marriage preparation for engaged couples. Call the parish to register.

*Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*

If you know anyone who is in the hospital, sick or homebound, please call the parish office.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Thursday: 8:45-9 am Saturday: 8:45-9 am & 4-5 pm *First Friday: 8:15-9 am*

**Mission Statement:**

*A Community empowered by God striving to make Jesus known, experienced, loved, and imitated.*

**Mass Schedule:**

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

**Adoration:** Thursday 10:00 am—11:00 pm  
 Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call 978-2344 or email [prayers@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:prayers@stcatherinesiena.org).

**Covenant Scholarships for Catholic Education**

No child of a registered parish family will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education at any local CSGK Catholic elementary school due to financial need. Application packets are available in the front office or on our website under [who-we-are/links/](#). If you have questions, please contact Melissa Andregg at (269) 381-2646.

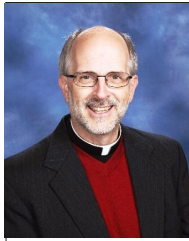


**Presider Schedule: November 11-12**

5:30 pm Fr. Ken  
 7:30 am Fr. Ken  
 9:00 am Fr. Ken  
 11:00 am Fr. Basker  
 5:00 pm Fr. Bill

**Musician Schedule: November 11-12**

5:30 pm Cantor  
 7:30 am Cantor  
 9:00 am Gathering Band  
 11:00 am Gathering Band  
 5:00 pm Life Teen Band



**Ken's Kaleidoscope**

November 5, 2017

**Rerun:**

I am now accepting nominations for new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council works with the Pastor, parish staff and the parish to implement our mission. It's a reflective, responsive, and consultative body (not decision-making) which represents the diversity of our parish, and will consist of 9-15 members. They are spiritually rooted with the focus of listening to the needs of all parishioners and collaborating with the Pastor and fellow Council members to respond to those needs. Guided by the parish vision, the Council will play a vital role in helping plan for the future. New members will join the Council in January for a three year-term, meeting every couple of months. To make a nomination, please provide a name, email and phone, and a brief statement why you believe that person (or yourself) is a good choice for the Council.

Silence is often described as the language of God. If your spiritual journey has created a hunger for a deeper experience of prayerful silence in God's presence, join Tom Kartes of Contemplative Outreach of West Michigan for an introduction to the process and practice of Centering Prayer. What is Centering Prayer? It is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplation in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Tom will give an introduction to Centering Prayer on December 2 from 9am-12:20pm at St. Joseph Parish Bennett Building Library. Registration fee of \$7 includes six follow-up sessions. Register with Kevin Hemenway, [kevinhemenway0@gmail.com](mailto:kevinhemenway0@gmail.com), or Jim Carow, [jim@carow.us](mailto:jim@carow.us).

I think this will count as pleading. **Ushers** are a vital ministry for the liturgy. They help people feel welcome when they arrive; they direct people to places like restrooms and getting first aid; they make sure those who have difficulties receive Holy Communion by directing the ministers of Holy Communion to where those people are seated. They also take the collection and then secure it afterwards -- and it would certainly be a major catastrophe if that didn't happen. All that good work for coming to mass 10-15 minutes early. Please sign up to join a crew of ushers; the more we have, the less often the need to be scheduled. Sadly, at some mass times we don't even have one full crew. You can leave your contact information with Kendra at 978-2332, or me at 488-7334. Thank you.

Administration			
John Emilio	978-2335	<a href="mailto:jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org">jemilio@stcatherinesiena.org</a>	

Date: 10-22-17 Sunday	Actual	Budgeted	Last Year
YTD Amount Sunday ONLY For 14 Weeks	\$436,301	\$437,439	\$449,823
YTD Totals Sunday & Holy Day	\$440,233	\$439,939	\$449,823
YTD BAA	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>
This Year:	\$268,989	\$254,566 (95%) 870 families	\$172,327 (64%)
Last Year:	\$278,869	\$221,205 (79%) 665 families	\$163,657 (59%)

**BAA Information**

**IMPORTANT** – Please send ALL Bishop Appeal payments directly to the Diocese to insure your account is properly credited. The Diocese mails payment invoices each month and will also mail your end of the year tax statement. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**Charity and Justice Mission**  
**Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org**



**St. Vincent de Paul** invites you to participate in their **Thanksgiving Basket project**. The items are packed on Friday evening, November 17 and delivered on Saturday morning, November 18 to those in need.

**What to do:**

- ◆ Take a tag (s) or envelope from the Cornucopia in the Narthex.
- ◆ Bring the items to Marian Hall or deposit the envelope in the St. Vincent de Paul Box or the collection basket.
- ◆ Sign up to help pack the Thanksgiving Baskets. This is an ideal family event. Parents must accompany children.
- ◆ Sign up to deliver baskets on Saturday morning. We ask that people go in groups of two or more. You will be able to join others if you come as an individual.



**Giving Trees** - You will notice the Holiday Giving Trees project starting November 11, 2017 to allow you to remember those in need during your seasonal shopping. Those interested in helping to **prepare and hang gift tags** (early-mid November) or **deliver gifts** (early December) may call Mary Hunt to volunteer.

**Fellowship Mission**  
**Mary Hunt 978-2338 mhunt@stcatherinesiena.org**



## Michigan Blood

**Michigan Blood Drive** is scheduled for **November 7** from 1-7 pm in Marian Hall. Volunteers are needed for the canteen area. First shift (12:45-3:45pm). Volunteers help prepare and serve snacks and juice. Second shift (3:45-7pm). Volunteers help serve snacks and drinks and clean up. Donations of cookies, cheese, crackers, fresh fruits: grapes, apples, clementine oranges, as well as fresh vegetables and juices are needed. Please drop off your donation to the Marian Hall kitchen marked "Blood Drive." Contact Mary Hunt at the above number or email with questions, or to sign-up as a volunteer.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #6980** will be hosting their annual **Spelling Bee** on Sunday, **November 12**. Registration starts at 12:30 pm in the Stanley Center. Register and download word lists at <http://groupspaces.com/KofC6980/>. Any student in grades 4-9 (including any area public, parochial, private or home-school) can participate as long as they are not already participating in another Knights' Spelling Bee.



### Poinsettia Sales

Order your poinsettia flowers on the weekend of **November 11 & 18**. There will be a table in the Narthex with order forms. 6 inch plant = \$10, 8 inch plant = \$15, 10 inch plant=\$20. Help support our funeral luncheons.



### Musician/Liturgist

Please see the "Job Openings" section of our website ([www.stcatherinesiena.org](http://www.stcatherinesiena.org)) for the full job description and employment application.

### Counters Needed

The Monday morning counting team need your help! We are looking for subs and possible permanent members. Contact Linda Reaume if interested at 978-2346 or [lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto:lreaume@stcatherinesiena.org)

### St. Edward Catholic Church, Mendon, MI, Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 11 from 8am-2pm. Raffle Tickets at the door; drawing at 2pm. For more info, call 269-649-2588 or 269-365-2250

**Catholic adults** are invited to the next meeting of the Benedictine Oblates -- Sunday, Nov. 12, after the 9 AM Mass in the Siena Conference Room. After Morning Prayer, a junior monk, seminarian, and Dean for our chapter, will make a presentation. A continental breakfast is provided. Contact Steve Borchert for information at [sborchert5207@charter.net](mailto:sborchert5207@charter.net).

### POLISH MASS

Please be advised that the Nov. 12 Polish Mass has been moved to Nov. 19 since Fr. Stan will be out of the country.



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**Guess what I want to be when I grow up?**

Our 4 year old friends were able to dress-up as the person they wanted to be when they grew up.

We have openings for 3 and 4 year old children. Contact Ms. Connie or Ms. Mary at 269-327-5165



RCIA and Adult Faith Formation  
 Jay Landry 978-2331 jlandry@stcatherinesiena.org

**Dynamic Bible Study – Paul’s Letter to the Romans** Join us for an exciting bible study on St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, grounded in a dynamic group method of praying with Scripture. This is for everyone, no matter your experience in studying the bible. Why did Paul write a letter to the Church at Rome which he did not establish? In this study, we will start with Paul’s conversion and how that experience of the Risen Christ changed his life forever. We will interpret scripture and allow the Word of God to influence our lives today through prayer. Led by Jay Landry, studies will be held on six Wednesday mornings (10 am after daily Mass) and six Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm). You are welcome to either study. The same material will be used at both sessions. We gather in the Siena Conference Room on Wednesdays November 1, 8, 15, and 29. Please bring a bible to each. An RSVP to Jay is not required, but is helpful to know which study you will be attending. See email above.



Care and Support Mission  
 Mary Beckley-Clark 978-2334 mclark@stcatherinesiena.org

**CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY**  
 Sunday, November 12 2:00-3:00 PM  
 Langeland Funeral Home, Westside Chapel  
 3926 South 9<sup>th</sup> St.

There will be a candle lighting ceremony along with music, inspirational readings and time for reflection.

There will also be a special acknowledgement of members of the military, both living and deceased, in honor of Veteran’s Day.

Light reception to follow.

Anonymous Groups  
**Food Addicts Anonymous:**  
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm Rooms 6-8  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 pm  
 Rooms 10-12  
 Saturdays, 5 pm Rooms 10-12  
**Gamblers Anonymous:**  
 Fridays, 7:30 pm Rooms 10-12  
**Overeaters Anonymous:**  
 Saturdays, 11 am Rooms 6-8

**The Parentalia**



In ancient Rome, an empty chair was set aside commemorating the deceased who had shared in the banquet of life. The chair at the east end of the Narthex reminds us of all those who now, with all the Saints, celebrate at the Lord’s Table. When a member of our parish has died, a candle is also lit in remembrance. Please keep all the faithful departed in your prayers throughout the month of November.

**Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**Youth Ministry Mission**  
**Philip Dezern 616-633-0994 pdezern@stcatherinesiena.org**

**SUMMER SUN HERE WE COME!!!** We all know that winter is coming. However, let's just ignore the 200 feet of snow coming our way for the time being. Instead, I want to highlight a few summer activities. I will continue to share more in the coming weeks. You can sign up for any of these now.....

**Saint Meinrad Liturgy Conference:** You will hear great speakers and meet youth from around the country. They will enliven and excite you about the Mass. You will learn how to actively lead different parts of the Mass. This trip is meant for anyone who will be grades 9-12 in the 2017-2018 school year. The date of the conference is June 10-15, 2018.

**Saint Meinrad Retreat:** This retreat mixes fun with learning and prayer. We will spend one day at Holiday World Amusement and Waterpark. We will also spend time praying with the monks. This trip is meant for anyone who will be grades 8-12 in the 2017-2018 school year. The date of the retreat is June 25-29, 2018.

**GRADE 6-8 PROGRAMS**

Youth Ministry @ St. Joseph	November 19, 26	11:30am – 1:15pm lead into 1:15pm Spanish Speaking Mass
Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 19, 26	3-5 pm lead into 5pm Mass
Bible Study @ St. Joseph	November 13, 27	6:30 – 8pm
Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 8, 29	6 -7:15pm

**GRADE 9-12 PROGRAMS**

Youth Ministry @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 19, 26	6:15 – 8pm
Discipleship Group @ St. Catherine Stanley Center	November 8, 29	7:15 – 8:30pm
Prayer and Pizza	November 20	6:30 – 8:30pm
Held at the back meeting room at Jac's Cekola's Pizza <u>7638 S Westnedge Ave, Portage</u> . We will pray, talk, and eat. Food is Free.		
Bible Study @ St. Joseph	November 13, 27	6:30 – 8pm

**Note:** We are still looking for leaders. Please contact Phil at the above phone or e-mail address if interested, or have questions.

**CharitiesDine - November 15th**

Are you getting hungry yet? CCDOK's 6th Annual CharitiesDine is coming! Dine out anytime on November 15th and **25% of your bill** will be donated directly to CCDOK. No need to bring a flier or mention anything to your server -- just enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, or dessert anytime that day and support CCDOK! So put the pots and pans away and make plans now. Gather your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to enjoy a meal out to support Catholic Charities.



**HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP**

**Open House**

Hackett Catholic Prep invites prospective high school students and their families to an Open House on Wednesday, **November 8** from 6-8pm. Enjoy a tour of campus with a Hackett student, meet our faculty and staff and enter to win a \$1000 IRISH Scholarship. RSVP at [hackettcatholicprep.org](http://hackettcatholicprep.org) or call 269-381-2646 for more information.



The Diocese of Kalamazoo will be celebrating its **annual Mass for Deceased Clergy** on Wednesday, **November 8**. Bishop Bradley will be the main celebrant and all priests have been invited to concelebrate. The Mass begins at 5:30 pm, at Saint Augustine Cathedral. Please come and remember in a very special way all those priests who have served in the Diocese.



<b>SATURDAY: November 4 Vigil of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b>		
<b>Time</b>		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	People of the Parish	Fr. Bill
<b>SUNDAY: November 5 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Malachi 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10/1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13/Matthew 23:1-12		
		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	†Mary Catherine Tucker	Fr. Basker
9:00 am	†Philip A. Helner	Fr. Bill
11:00 am	†Phyllis Smolinski	Fr. Ken
5:00 pm	†Wanda Canney	Fr. Ken

<b>MONDAY: November 6 Weekday</b>		
Romans 11:29-36/Luke 14:12-16		
9:15 am	Roy & Heydi Calderon	
<b>TUESDAY: November 7 Weekday</b>		
Romans 12:5-16b/Luke 14:15-24		
9:15 am	†Tony Roemer	
<b>WEDNESDAY: November 8 Weekday</b>		
Romans 13:8-10/Luke 14:25-23		
9:15 am	†Pamela Nobozny	
<b>THURSDAY: November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>		
Ezra 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17/John 2:13-22		
9:15 am	†Lora Yates	
<b>FRIDAY: November 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>		
Romans 15:14-21/Luke 16:1-8		
9:15 am	†Tom Sullivan	
<b>SATURDAY: November 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>		
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Luke 16:9-15		
9:15 am	†Ed Cadow	

<b>SATURDAY: November 11 Vigil of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b>		
<b>Time</b>		<u>Presider</u>
5:30 pm	†Mike Lyons	Fr. Ken
<b>SUNDAY: November 12 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Matthew 25:1-13		
		<u>Presider</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish	Fr. Ken
9:00 am	Tom & Marlene Zeult 60 <sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary	Fr. Ken
11:00 am	†Clara Pittelkow	Fr. Bill
5:00 pm	Fr. Bruno Okoli	Fr. Bill

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017** *Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after all the morning Masses; Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Religious Education during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

11:00 am RCIA Dismissal, GLP Conference Room  
1:00 pm Religious Education Grades 3-5, Classrooms  
3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church  
6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR, LL

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
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**Monday, November 6, 2017**

10:00 am Medilodge, Off Grounds  
1:30 pm Brookdale Assisted Living, Off Grounds  
6:00 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
6:00 pm Recipes for Change Meeting, SCR, LL  
6:30 pm Bingo, Gym  
7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, Room 14

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
10:00 am Contemplative Living Class, SCR, LL  
1:00 pm Senior Center Yoga, Rooms 9-11  
1:00 pm Michigan Blood Drive, Marian Hall  
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
5:45 pm Yoga, Gym  
6:30 pm FA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
6:30 pm Deacon Formation, SCR, LL  
7:00 pm KofC Business Meeting, Rooms 5-7

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

9:45 am Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
10:00 am Romans Bible Study, SCR, LL  
1:00 pm Women's Cursillo Small Group, GLP Room  
1:30 pm Brookdale/Clarebridge, Off Grounds  
6:00 pm Middle School Discipleship Program, Stanley Ctr  
6:30 pm Religious Education Grades 1-5, Classrooms  
6:30 pm Romans Bible Study, SCR, LL  
7:15 pm High School Discipleship Program, Stanley Ctr

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity  
10:00 am Parish Nurse, Room 103, LL  
10:00 am Women of the Word, MH, Nursery, Classrooms  
5:30 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12  
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Rooms 9-11  
6:00 pm Basketball Practice, Gym  
7:00 pm Baptism Class, GLP Conference Room  
7:00 pm Daniel Plan Class, Rooms 2-4

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Trinity  
3:00 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel  
7:30 pm GA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 1-3  
8:45 am Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Interviews, SCR, LL  
10:15 am Holy Love Prayer Chamber, Trinity Chapel  
11:00 am OA Meeting, Rooms 6-8  
12:30 pm Thunderbirds RC Club, Gym  
3:30 pm Sienas Rehearsal, Choir Room, LL  
3:30 pm Five Wishes Workshop, SCR, LL  
4:00 pm Reconciliation, Reconciliation Room, Church  
5:00 pm AA Meeting, Rooms 10-12

**Sunday, November 12, 2017** *Coffee and Donuts in Marian Hall after all the morning Masses; Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Religious Education during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.*

10:00 am BP checks between 9 am & 11 am Mass, MH  
10:00 am Benedictine Oblates, SCR, LL  
11:00 am RCIA Dismissal, GLP Conference Room  
12:00 pm Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, GWR  
3:30 pm Life Teen Band Rehearsal, Church  
6:00 pm Women of the Word, SCR,